

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SHUM, IZ  
SUBJ: ASSYRIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE OF PRELATES OF THE CHURCH OF  
THE EAST (ASSYRIAN ORTHODOX) CONVENED APRIL 11 UNDER  
PATRIARCH MAR DINKHA IV. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS MAR DINKHA  
HAILED SUPPORT OF THE IRAQI POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY  
WITH RESPECT TO RESTORING LANDS ON WHICH A PATRIARCHATE  
IS TO BE BUILT IN BAGHDAD.

2. LOCAL MEDIA INDICATES PARTICIPANTS HAVE COME FROM  
ASSYRIAN CLERGY IN U.S., AUSTRALIA AND LEBANON. PRESS  
STATES THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT BARRED MAR YOHANA ABRAHAM,  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYRIAN, FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE.

3. IRAQ NEWS AGENCY OF APRIL 13 QUOTES MAR APREM KHAMIS,  
BISHOP OF THE U.S. AND CANADA, AS DENOUNCING  
ALLEGATIONS OF PERSECUTION IN  
IRAQ. "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH INVALID CLAIMS WERE  
PROPAGATED BY BANDS OF HIRELINGS WITH THE AIM OF  
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DISTORTING THE IMAGE OF GREAT FRATERNITY WHICH IS  
PREVALENT AMONG ALL COMMUNITIES IN IRAQ."  
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